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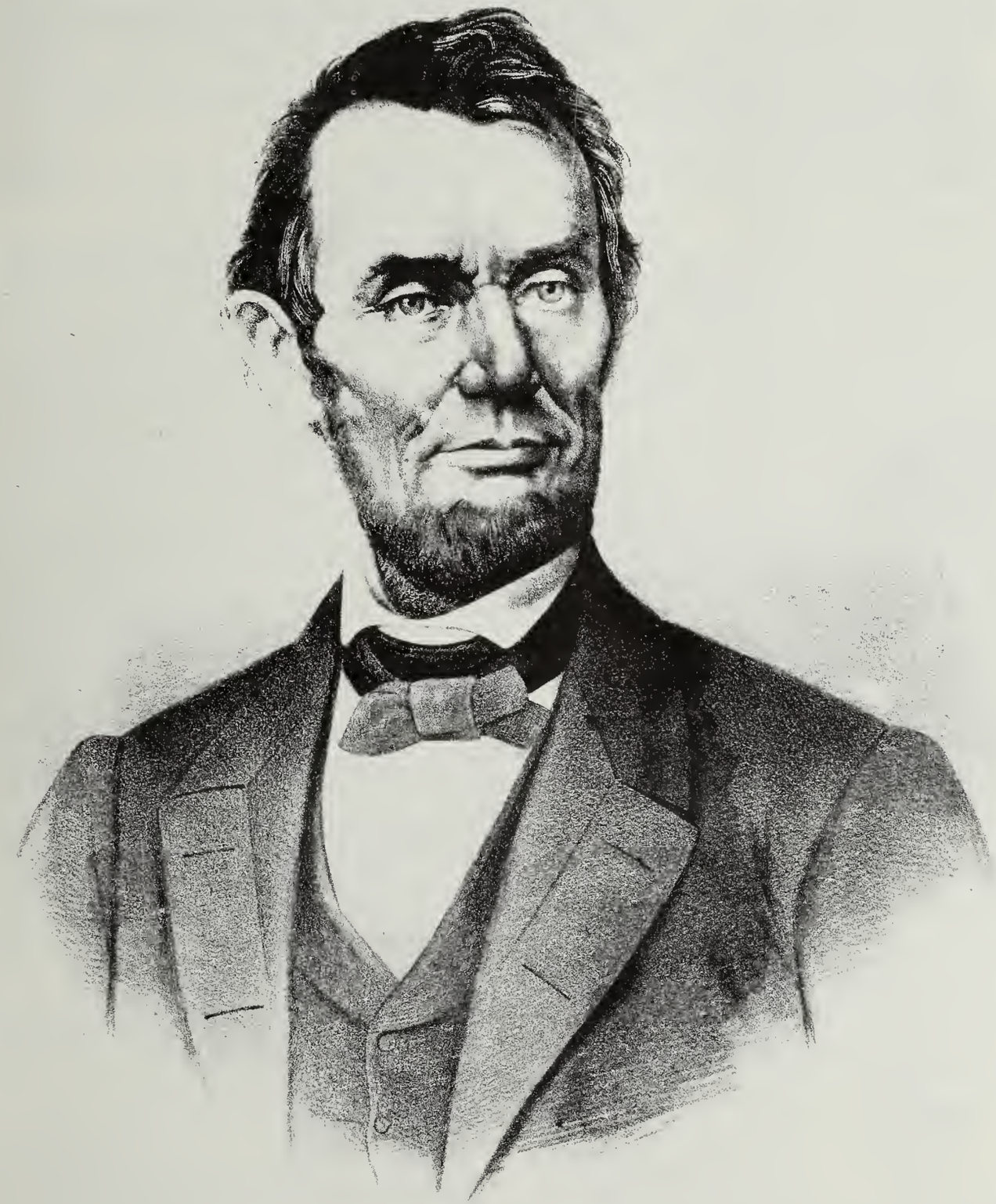

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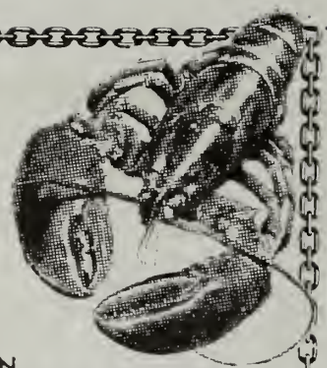

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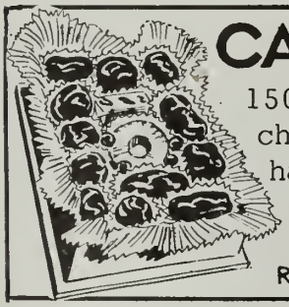

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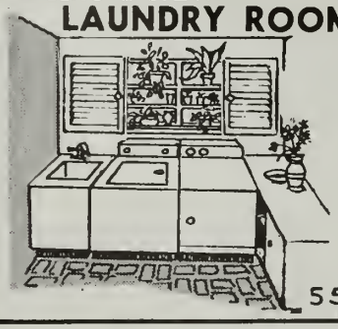

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On the ballot will be the following: Selectman, George S. White and Donald Linhares; Treasurer and Tax Collector, Allen Sherman; Enoch Winslow and James F. Hicks, Jr., Assessor; Marshall Ross, Mattapoisett School Committee; Marshall Sawyer, Jr. and Wayne J. Oliveira, Jr., Old Rochester Regional School Committee; Pamela Humphrey and M. Murdock Mac Donald, Library Trustee; Berthold Putman and Donald J. Fleming, Moderator; Roscoe Barstow and Paul M. Kelley, Jr., Water Commissioner; Dr. Stanley J. Mysliwy and Daniel D. Dexter, Board of Health; Manuel R. Nunes, Highway Commissioner; Robert A. Silveira and Frank T. Pimental, Wharf Commissioner; Alfred E. Faria and Edward Cacilhas, Constable; John Figueiredo, Housing Authority; John F. Denham and James N. Junier, Tree Warden; and Joseph

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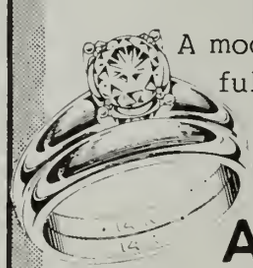

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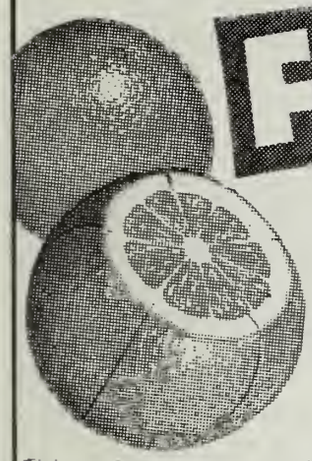

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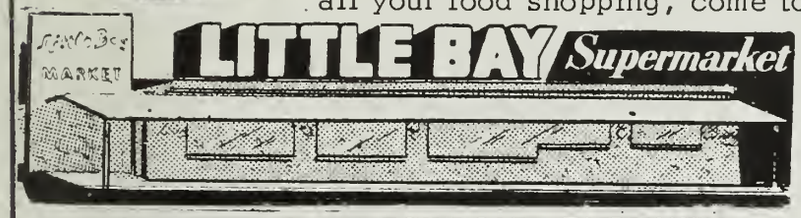

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Grange Anniversary

JUNIOR GRANGE OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

The Mattapoisett Junior Grange held its first meeting in February last Friday night with the worthy master, Mark Harris, presiding. Honored guests were Junior Deputy Laurita Smith of North Easton, who congratulated Mattapoisett Junior Grange on its 33 successive years, without at any time being declared inactive by the State; Edna Day, a member of the State Committee; and Miss Rebecca Day, Home and Community Service chairman and lady assistant steward of Sippican Pomona as well as lecturer of Acushnet Grange. It was noted that Miss Day started her Grange activity as a member of Mattapoisett Junior Grange. She was representing the Pomona for the Pomona Master.

Under new business it was voted to send a sympathy card to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Furtado, honorary members of the Junior Grange. Virginia and William Suzan became

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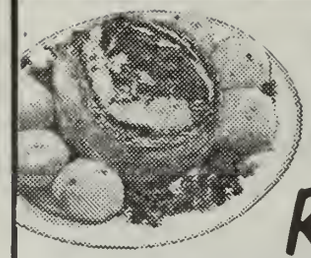

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Miss Day presented a birthday check to the Junior Grange from the Pomona Home and Community Service committee. A birthday card and money gift was presented the Juniors from Past State Superintendent Bertha Nichols of Northboro.

The lecturer's prize went to Ray Buckley.

Mary Beth Breton, Junior lecturer, opened her program by all singing The Battle Hymn of the Republic as a tribute to Lincoln's birthday. This was followed by a poem about George Washington, given by Richard Burbank.

Students of the DeRossi School presented a program of music. Nancy French and Carol Daniels played several accordion selections. Paul Vercellone played the guitar with singing and audience participation.

The program concluded with the worthy master cutting a beautiful heart shaped birthday cake made by Mrs. Harris. Richard Burbank, refreshment host, served cakes and punch.

The next Junior meeting will be February 23rd with a program by the Home and Community Service committee.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I think this is something which should concern every parent with a girl in Old Rochester Regional High School. It bothered me enough so that I attended the ORR school committee meeting of February 5 for information on the 5:30 detention. I feel that this detention, during the months when it is dark at this time, is a hazard to young girls. Mr. Gavin stated that it is an effective method but still admitted it is not the answer.

I asked the committee, "What if one of these teenage girls doesn't reach home safely after leaving the bus?" The answer I received was this, "The school is respon-

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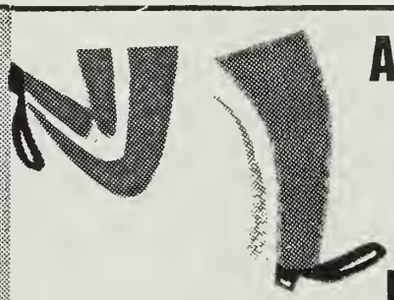
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sible for pupils from the bus stop in the morning until they are let off at the same place." I interpret this to mean that they don't care what happens after the time that they are covered and responsible. It was pointed out to me that nothing has ever happened. Not yet, I agree. It was also stated that the girls' basketball team takes the same bus and they walk home at night from the bus stop. This to me is not the same as telling a teenage girl that she has no choice. Many of these girls live in isolated sections of the town. Not all of them feel they can protect themselves on dark streets and lanes. A committee of 4 school teachers will now be appointed to study this matter and report to the school committee. Now, do the teachers tell the School Committee what to do? This is a good way to delay the matter until daylight saving returns.

If we, as parents, make it know to our elected officials by phone calls and by our presence at the next Committee meeting on February 19 perhaps we can get some decision. If we can let them know that we are concerned about the safety factor, I believe that it will be corrected.

I wonder how many men on this School Committee would not object to their wives or daughters walking around nights. Would the ladies on the committee feel comfortable walking on a dark street?

John M. Souza

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The Republican Town Committee of Marion met at Town House on February 8th and Mr. Richard W. Paull presided as chairman.

New members elected to the committee are John Coburn, Jr., Mrs. Susan King, Mrs. Phyllis Davis, Mrs. Norma Fleming, Mr. David Titus and Mr. Robert Marsa. At a previous meeting Mr. John Ranney and Dr. Joseph Kunces were elected to the committee.

Mr. Paull submitted his resignation with regret owing to other pressing business - and Mr. Arthur Milhench of Point Road was unanimously elected the new chairman. Other officers are Mrs. Ellen Heuston, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mary Gurney, treasurer; and Mrs. Kathryn Ellis Nowak, secretary.

Mr. James Fraser expressed his appreciation and that of the Committee for the splendid service Mr. Paull had given to the Republican Party over the past years and the high regard he had earned in Republican circles. Mr. Paull is presently presi-

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Edward Galavotti, currently serving on the staff of Adm. John S. McCain, Jr., USN., commander-in-chief of U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, with headquarters in London, England, has been promoted to lieutenant commander. Commander Galavotti is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Galavotti of Wareham. Mr. Galavotti is the owner-proprietor of Louie's Tub Mill Barber Shop on Route 6, Mattapoisett.

Commander Galavotti is a graduate of Wareham High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute and received a commission in the USN from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

After receiving his commission Commander Galavotti attended the training school for Underwater Demolition at Little Creek, Va. and then served three and a half years in this duty. He next volunteered and was accepted for submarine service.

In 1964 the U.S.S. Sailfish participated in the observance of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Cape Cod Canal. Commander Galavotti, then a lieutenant junior grade, was engineering officer aboard the ship and was given the con (ship control) and allowed to bring the ship to dock at Taylor's Point in Buzzards Bay while a large crowd of onlookers, including his family, awaited the arrival of the ship.

Commander Galavotti is married to the former Elizabeth A. Niemi of West Wareham. They are the parents of four children: Lisa, 3; Michael, 2; Lynn, 1; and Laura, 4 months. They reside in the Pinner area of suburban London.

GRANGE MEETING

Mattapoisett Subordinate Grange will hold its meeting Thursday night, February 15th,

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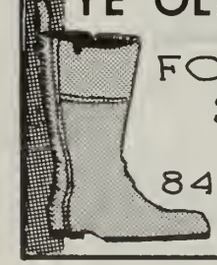
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The panel on drug abuse, which was postponed because of the snow storm of last week, is now scheduled for Thursday, February 15th, at 7:45 P.M. at Old Rochester Regional High School. A special invitation to attend is extended to all students in the area. The discussion is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Parent Teachers Club.

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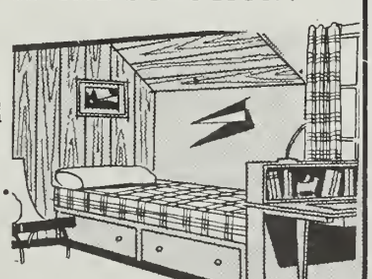
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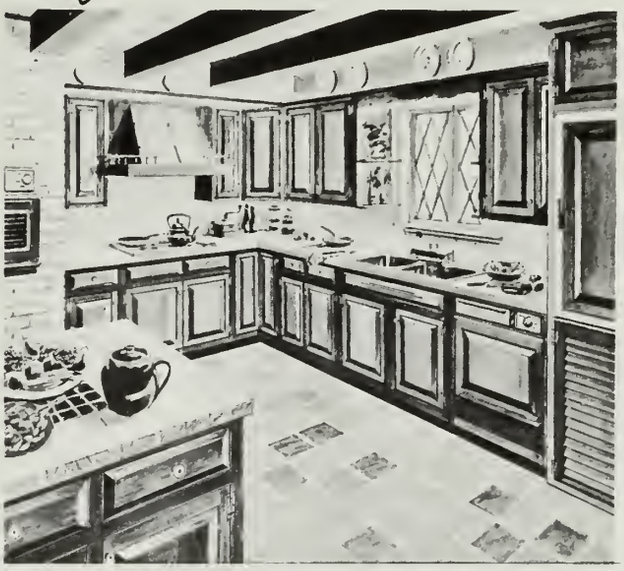

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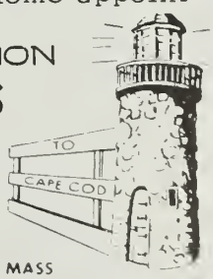

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His command ship, "The Roosevelt," which had been financed by the Peary Arctic Club and partially insured by Atlantic Mutual, was badly battered in the 1906 expedition. Now repaired and refurbished, she was insured by Atlantic Mutual "against all the hazards of the Arctic."

Amid the cheers of crowds, tooting horns and flying bunting, "The Roosevelt", no larger than one of today's medium size tugboats, sailed northwards from New York on July 6, 1908.

As the ship steamed into Long Island Sound, she anchored off Oyster Bay and on board came President Roosevelt. The President gripped Peary's hand saying, "I believe in you, Peary, and I believe in your success--if it is within the possibility of man."

In heavy seas, the ship sailed to the Cape Charles whaling station on the Labrador coast to take on eight tons of whale meat for dog food.

Farther northwards, at Cape York, Greenland, the first Eskimos were selected. "Short, stocky and fur clad, they looked more like foxes than anything else..."

At Etah, north of Cape York, the Peary expedition lost touch with civilization. Atlantic Mutual's records include Captain Robert Bartlett's description of the scene on shipboard: "Mixed up with the coal were 70 tons of whale meat and 246 dogs, all fighting and screaming...we had 49 Eskimos and the blubber of 50 walruses ...to my dying day I shall never forget the frightful noise, the choking stench and the terrible confusion that reigned aboard her as we steamed slowly down Foulke Fjord and swung into the pack of Kane Basin."

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By December, the temperature, which was flirting at 40 below zero, dipped to 53 below. Cold was not the only adversary. There was "the terrible depressing darkness...the night which drives men mad by its monotony and oppressiveness..."

Peary had an antidote for cold and monotony ...work. A young geologist board ship noted: "Constantly occupied, we were happy; the working day wasn't long enough; and I never knew until then, the real joy of living."

Benefiting from his long Arctic experience, Peary worked out a paper plan for his attack on the Pole. It consisted of five cooperating but independent parties, four of which

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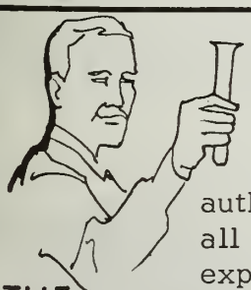

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would support the fifth -- Commander Peary's.

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With the pick of sleds, dogs and drivers, Peary would then make the final dash to the Pole, and return to land in forced marches over the outward trail, utilizing the igloos and supplies cached at stations along the route.

Had the terrain been immovable land and not frozen ice as in the Antarctic, the plan would have been foolproof. But over the shifting sea ice of the Arctic basin, there was always an element of chance that the storms would open leads, the ice would shift, and the trail, food, and supply caches be lost.

On Sunday, February 28, 1909, the Polar dash started. Struggle marked every inch of the way. First some of the alcohol tins burst open at the seams. Huge pressure ridges crossed their paths. Stretches of open water ...or leads...stalled the parties.

At last, on March 6, the first rays of sunlight shone forth...the first sunlight in five months.

Only a chosen few could make the final assault on the Pole: Peary, his Negro second Matthew Henson, and four Eskimo drivers.

The men pushed forward at top speed over good ice, sleeping only three to four hours between forced marches.

On the night of April 5, the party was exhausted and stopped for more sleep.

Observations showed that Peary and his men were thirty miles from the Polar cap. Before midnight with the temperatures hovering at fifteen degrees below zero, another thirty-mile run was started--the 37th day of continuous sledging.

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On April 7, 1909, Peary's party built a snow cairn on the North Pole and inside placed two records together with a diagonal strip from a silken flag. "One document took possession of the region in the name of the President of the United States. The American and other flags were raised and cheered at this, the first and only Pole of the earth ever reached by man."

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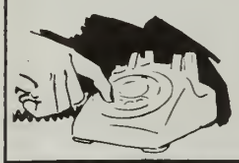

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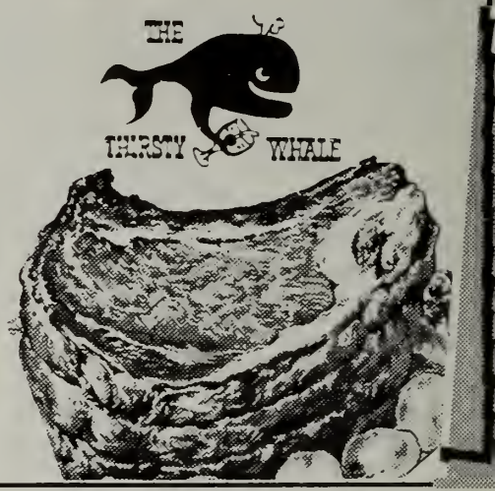

Mr. White noted that the Presidential message also referred to the appointment, last year, of an eleven-man U. S. Veterans Advisory Commission and said "We are looking forward to the recommendations of the Commission."

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"Russia and Poland" will be the subject of Mrs. Virginia Lash, guest speaker for the YWCA Travel Club Friday at 8 P.M. The lecture, illustrated with colored slides, will include scenes taken in East and West Germany, as they were part of the Russian tour in 1965. Mrs. Lash traveled 3000 miles through the U.S.S.R. by bus, stopping in many cities over night, including Moscow where the bus stayed about a week.

In 1964, Mrs. Lash took a very comprehensive World Tour, covering areas of the continent which she had missed on a previous European tour.

Since high school days, Mrs. Lash has been writing for newspapers, and as a feature writer, she interviewed top stars of screen, theatre, radio, royalty, explorers and outstanding people in the news. While a WAC, her job in recruiting was to produce radio programs for WACS.

Prospective members of the Travel Club are cordially invited to the lecture. Coffee and social hour will follow the program.

Judo-Karate classes, scheduled to start February 12th under Alden Blake, have been cancelled until further notice.

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